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LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ETHIOPIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the resolution on the
Eritrean/Ethiopian conflict, adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the
Executive Committee and twenty-first Conference of the Union of African
Parliaments, held in Niamey from 18 to 20 August 1998.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter and its annex
circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Duri MOHAMMED
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Resolution on the Eritrean/Ethiopian conflict, adopted
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The Union of African Parliaments at its twenty-first Conference in Niger,
from 18 to 20 August 1998:

- Reaffirming the crucial role of African parliamentarians in prevention and settlement of conflicts for the realization of peace and stability;
- Reaffirming that no conflict among African States warrants the use of force and the risk of war and instability;
- Recalling the facilitators' exhaustive recommendations on the dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea;
- Recalling the OAU Council of Ministers resolution on the subject on 5 June 1998 from Ouagadougou, supporting the facilitators' recommendations;
- Recalling the OAU Heads of State resolution of 10 June 1998 supporting the facilitators' recommendations;
- Recalling the resolution of the Security Council of 26 June 1998 supporting the implementation of the facilitators' recommendations;
- Recalling that OAU had organized a Ministerial Committee for fact-finding purposes within the framework of a comprehensive settlement of the conflict in all its dimensions;
- Recalling the recommendations issued by both Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU General Assembly calling on both parties to accept the OAU and Security Council resolutions;
- Noting that the current impasse for the peaceful resolution of the conflict pertains to the facilitators', OAU and Security Council recommendation for the Eritrean armed forces to withdraw from occupied Ethiopian-administered territories;
- Noting that both Eritrea and Ethiopia recognize the existence of border claims by both States;
- Noting that both parties have agreed to proceed towards a comprehensive demarcation and demilitarization of their borders with the assistance of OAU and the Security Council;

1. Calls for the continued search for a peaceful solution of the border conflict with the active support of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, OAU and the Security Council of the United Nations;

2. Calls upon Eritrea to respect the findings of the OAU Ministerial Committee dealing with the crisis, which has conclusively affirmed that Ethiopian-administered territories have been occupied by Eritrean armed forces;

3. Affirms that the said occupation constitutes a fundamental element of the crisis that has to be addressed by the Government of Eritrea;

4. Calls upon the Government of Eritrea to withdraw its forces to the point where it was prior to developments of 6 May 1998 as recommended by the facilitators, OAU and the Security Council;

5. Calls upon the international community, particularly African Parliaments, to facilitate the investigation regarding the occurrence of war crimes in the conflict as alleged by the resolution of the House of People's Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

The Union of African Parliaments requests the Secretary-General to communicate their resolution:

1. The Government of Eritrea.
2. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
3. The Organization of African Unity.
4. The Security Council of the United Nations.
5. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development.
6. The ACP-EU General Assembly.
7. The Inter-Parliamentary Union.
